GE 25 Council September 11, 2006 MEETING MINUTES

## **Meeting Attendees:**

R. "Nish" Nishikawa, CU-B; John Cooney, CU system; John Lanning, UCDHSC; John Sowell, WSC; Linda Curran, MSCD; Cristina Martinez; Jeff Reynolds, AIMS; Wayne Artis, PPCC; Tom Smith, UNC; Frank Novotny, ASC; Cathy Barkley, MSC.

## **INFORMATION ITEMS:**

Rita Beachem and Vicki gave a brief overview concerning the progress regarding revisions and corrections to the gtPathways website at the CCHE site.

Vicki also provided an update for the upcoming review (gtPathways Review Cycle V, Round I, to be held September 22, 2006. Vicki shared the final nomination count, the numbers of faculty currently recruited, (confirmed attendance), the number of courses nominated by discipline/discipline sub-category.

Vicki also went over the tentative agenda for the October 13<sup>th</sup> faculty to faculty conference. She solicited final in-put and recommendations.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

The GE 25 Council discussed the Credit by Examination portion as required by and stipulated for in the King Bill (otherwise known as the test-out policy). The group reviewed a DRAFT of the STATEWIDE POLICY AND GENERAL PROCEDURES FOR THE AWARDING OF COLLEGE-LEVEL CREDIT BY EXAMINATION. They also discussed next steps, (with regard to the credit by examination topic).

Vicki also handed out college/university assessment information, FYI – for discussion, including:

- 1. <u>Information of the Collegiate Learning Assessment</u> (CLA) Project of the Council for Aid to Education (CAE); and
- 2. Information on ETS' MAPP the Measure of Academic Proficiency and Progress.

The assessment information was reviewed and discussed in preparation for this year's faculty to faculty conference, which will feature as one of the content group discussions, issues regarding college/university-level assessment.

Many of the GE 25 members/meeting attendees agreed that the CLA of the CAE was a better assessment tool.

The meeting ended with discussions concerning supplementing the gtPathways website's FAQs, (and Vicki soliciting possible questions/answers for the site from the members of GE 25).

The final discussion item dealt with the application of the critical thinking competency during gtPathways reviews. The concern on the part of some members of GE 25 was that the application of the critical thinking competency was being inconsistently applied, and the net results were some courses passing review for placement into the gtPathways while others were not as successful. This discussion is ongoing; there was no formal resolution at the meeting.

Nish's advising questions were tabled to the next meeting (October 9, 2007).